

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 3, 2018

The Honorable Brock Long, Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
500 C Street, SW, Room 8 SW
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Administrator Long:

We are writing with regard to the appeal North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper filed on September 20, 2018, for the denial of a major disaster declaration for severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides incurred Western North Carolina from May 15 to May 30, 2018.




The State of North Carolina's appeal documents over \$5 million in additional damage related to the May event that was assessed after the original application was filed. In addition, the appeal addresses the following issues:

1. The scope of the damage and loss of life in the impacted area.
2. The overlapping and continuous nature of the weather systems involved.
3. The shortfall of State resources to properly respond to public and individual assistance needs related to the May event; which has been exacerbated by the declared disaster created by Hurricane Florence.

We are very grateful for the outstanding and rapid response to the devastation North Carolina suffered from Hurricane Florence. Although smaller in overall numbers, our constituents impacted by the May floods also suffered great loss, including loss of life. Four months later they are still waiting to learn if the help needed to repair roads and infrastructure, recover from individual loss, and implement mitigation to prevent future loss will be made available to them.

We are asking that FEMA provide the State of North Carolina's appeal every possible consideration. As always, thank you for your hard work and the valuable services you provide for our constituents.

Sincerely,

 Richard Burr United States Senator	 Thom Tillis United States Senator	 Patrick T. McHenry Member of Congress
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